

CANTON PARK COMMISSION

BOARD MINUTES

AUGUST 12, 2009

The Canton Board of Park Commissioners met in regular session on Wednesday, August 12, 2009, at the Garden Center Building.

Present were: Mr. Andy Black, President; Mr. Lon Winberry, Vice President; and Mr. Douglas Perry, Director/Secretary. There were also a few guests.

The meeting was called to order at 4:07 p.m.

At this time a motion was made by A. Black to approve the minutes of the July 8, 2009 regular meeting as written. A second was provided by L. Winberry, and the motion then passed by unanimous vote.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Old Riverside Park Issues - The Director reported that he had received no new information. He also stated that he had thought Councilmember Smith would be at the meeting.

Mr. Griffin stated he had heard nothing at Council.

The issue remained tabled.

2. Park Brochure Development - The Director reported that he was still taking pictures, but that with the current money situation, he was not sure printing could be done.

Mr. Black asked about possible sources of funds, and the Director stated he had hoped to get a college student to do the layout work as a college project to save money.

The Director was instructed to continue to work on the project.

3. Possible Park Levy - The Director reported that a letter had been sent to the Parks and Recreation Committee of City Council asking them to poll the members to see if there was support for a park levy.

Councilmember Griffin reported that there was not enough support for such a levy in City Council.

President Black, noting that the only way a levy would stand a chance would be with everyone's support, suggested that the issue be dropped from the Agenda. Mr. Winberry agreed, and the Director was so instructed.

4. Ohio Division of Liquor Control requests - The Director noted that it had been more than thirty days so any action by the Board would be moot.

No action was taken, and the issue will be dropped from the Agenda.

5. Possible Name Change for Playground F – The Board reviewed the letters submitted by the Neighborhood Group and Councilmember Kraus now requesting that the playground be named after the Neighborhood Association.

Mr. Black stated he was concerned with calling it the Our Neighborhood Playground with two issues: He was concerned that safety forces calls could be confused with a call to go to “Our Neighborhood Playground.” He also had a concern with what would happen if the group would disband leaving the playground still named after them.

The Director asked if there were any historical names associated with the area. It was decided to table the issue for further consideration.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. American Cancer Society requesting to use Stadium and Monument Parks on October 18, 2009 to hold their annual “Making Strides Against Breast Cancer Walks” - The Board reviewed the above request, and a motion was then made by A. Black to approve it with an insurance requirement. A second was provided by L. Winberry, and the motion was then passed by unanimous vote.
2. Korea Vets Donation – The Board reviewed a letter from the Korea Vets regarding a donation of money to the Veteran's Memorial to help restore the statues. They also request an 8x8 inch brick in memory of their Field Artillery Battalion. A motion was made by A. Black to accept the donation and provide them an 8x8 inch brick at the Memorial. A second was provided by L. Winberry, and the motion then passed by unanimous vote.
3. Disc and Pond Issue Arboretum and Spiker Parks – The Director reported that he had been asked about changing Board policy to allow for people to enter the ponds at Arboretum and Spiker Parks to recover discs.

The Board felt there was no reason to change policy. No action was taken.


OTHER BUSINESS:

1. J.R. Coleman Outreach Services requesting to use Cook Park and picnic tables for the 2nd Annual Rock n Rod Reunion along the Mahoning Road Corridor on Friday and Saturday, August 21st and 22nd, 2009.

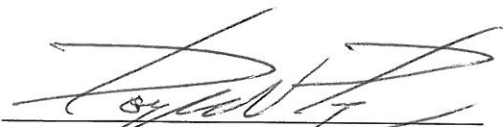
After reviewing the request, a motion was made by L. Winberry to approve the request with an insurance requirement. A second was provided by A. Black, and the motion then passed by unanimous vote.

2. The Director pointed out that the Board had not officially thanked the Canton Garden Center for their efforts in building the Children's garden and the successful Pergola Party Program. The Board agreed President Black instructed the Director to prepare a draft for his review and signature.
3. Mr. Black asked the status of the HUD playground. The Director reported that the contracts had been signed and the purchase order cut so the equipment should soon be ordered. It would however be a push to complete the project by fall.

Being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 5:30 p.m.



Andy Black
President



Douglas Perry
Director/Secretary